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BARKER ANSWERS BECKHAM.

Speaks for Himself and Court Against the Charges Made.

"UNTRUE IN WORD AND SPIRIT."

Says Governor's Reasons for Pardoning Ed Avley Are "Marvelous and Astounding."

A Committee of the Bar to Investigate the Course of the Prosecution—Appointed on Motion of Prosecuting Attorney Kinkade.

Judge Barker's scathing rebuke to young Beckham is certainly well-timed and deserving. He reminds the young man that had it not been for his Court, Beckham would not be Governor at this time to insult the Court. Attorney R. C. Kinkade severely arraigns the "ad interim," Governor, declares Beckham unworthy the notice of a gentleman, were it not for the dignity of his position:

Judge Barker's address in full is as follows:

Gentlemen of the grand jury: I have called you in because as a grand jury you are called at the head of all remedial justice in the county of Jefferson. I have a few words which I desire to say to you and through you to people of Jefferson County. You have all seen and kept up with the proceedings that have been going along in this court in what I shall denominate the gambling cases. These proceedings resulted in the conviction of several men who were charged with gambling, among whom was a Mr. Ed Avley. Mr. Alvey stood charged in this court with setting up and operating a game of chance in four different places in the city of Louisville. On one of these he was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs and to be confined in the penitentiary for two years. On yesterday there was filed in this court for him four pardons, one pardon for the offenses for which he was indicted, but has not yet been tried. The law requires the Governor to endorse his reasons upon the official record when he grants a pardon. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in granting these pardons, has given as his reason statements which are marvelous and astounding to me—statements which, so far as this court is concerned, are wholly untrue in word and spirit. The Governor has seen fit to reflect upon the personal integrity of this court, and he has, among other things, charged that Mr. Alvey is the victim of an unfeeling judicial persecution. He has charged that the Judge of this court has permitted what he denominates an unholy agreement between the Commonwealth's Attorney and those he denominates accomplices of Mr. Alvey, whereby they were to testify against him and were to be given immunity; moreover he has assigned as a reason more marvelous still that, while Alvey has been charged and convicted of crime, others have been allowed to go unchallenged by justice, and the Governor has said that he preferred competition in crime. I desire to note this remarkable statement in detail. I desire to do it calmly, dispassionately and without bias and without any feeling in the matter.

TESTIMONY OF ACCOMPLICES.

It is but common history that every man who was convicted of being guilty of a conspiracy to murder the late Gov. Wm. Goebel was convicted mainly upon the testimony of accomplices in that crime. And yet none of us would reflect upon Mr. Franklin, the Commonwealth's Attorney, or against Judge Cantrell for allowing him to permit it.

You have all read in history that the father of our Country, George Washington, offered to exchange Major Andre, whom he had captured, for Benedict Arnold, who had escaped within the British lines, thus offering to surrender the lesser criminal in order to punish the deeper dyed villain. I take it that had the commander-in-chief of the British forces been willing to make that exchange, as the Father of our country desired, nobody would have reflected upon him or his integrity for doing so. It would be impossible often to reach the real criminals if the accomplices could not be allowed to turn State's evidence against them, and I must differ with His Excellency, the Governor of Kentucky, when he condemns the policy adopted by the Commonwealth's Attorney. It seems to me that the Commonwealth's Attorney did right when he allowed the mere tools to escape in order to catch the master criminal. If there be a discrimination between gamblers it shall be in favor of the man who merely works for wages as against the man who hires him and who sets up the game; and if that be a crime let me hasten to plead guilty and glory in my infamy.

Insofar as it is intimated that this court has discriminated between one set of gamblers and another, I desire to state to you, upon the honor of a man, that that is untrue. I do not know what Mr. Alvey's politics is. I never heard which party he affiliated with. I never saw him until he was arraigned this last time. I never spoke to him except to grant him a favor in this court. I don't know any of these gamblers. I want to say to you that I never was in a gambling house in my life, man or boy, nor did I ever see the paraphernalia by which gambling is carried on until I sat here and saw it as an exhibit in a case against the gamblers. I have no favorites. If it be as some have suggested, that this man in whose favor such discrimination is said to exist is Mr. Weinhoff, I want to say to you that he is indicted in this court, and his case is set for trial. There are at least two or three indictments against him, and they will be tried with the same vigor that Mr. Alvey's case was tried, and by, I hope, as good, honest and straightforward a jury as we had in

that case.

NO POLITICS IN IT.

I have felt it my duty to make this public statement. I have used you because the grand jury is the right arm of the court. I have used you, not to burden you with the sorrows of the court, but merely as a means to make this public statement that I felt was due to the people whose servant I am, that they might know how I had conducted the stewardship intrusted into my hands. I do it without any passion, prejudice, or hardness in my heart.

Upon that solemn promise, made in open court, made in writing and upon the records of this court a little over two years ago, the Commonwealth's Attorney arose in his seat and moved to dismiss all these cases, in the exercise of that discretion, under the court, with which he is invested by the law. The Commonwealth's Attorney and the County Attorney, Mr. Morton V. Joyce, and the other gentlemen who were connected with them were present, and they all thought that the gambling situation had been closed. I want to say to you that I remember few days in my life when I was happier or prouder than on that day when I entered that order, because I believed that there had been accomplished by me, through the officers of this court, that had never been accomplished before—that gambling had swept from among the crimes of the city of Louisville.

This is the Mr. Ed Alvey, who broke this solemn promise to the court, whom it is now said this court has discriminated against, and that this court is persecuting.

His biography was published in the Courier Journal yesterday, and in that biography it is said that he landed in Louisville in 1891 "broke"—without a cent; that he started a gambling game then; that he lived high; that he was generous with his money, and that he now has but lately fitted up the Kingston at an expense of \$10,000, and that he is worth in cash \$75,000—all made in Louisville by openly and notoriously breaking the law against gambling. That man in his own biography says he has been in Louisville for ten years; that he has never been fined a cent, and that the only indictment that was ever brought in against him, before this last indictment, was dismissed by the court upon his promise never to break the law again; and that he has thus acquired the princely fortune of \$75,000 in cash.

Truly, gentlemen, to tender sons this must seem a hard, hard prosecution.

ALVEY'S \$75,000.

Can anyone tell who paid in that \$75,000? Can anyone tell how much misery it measures—how many homes have been ruined—how many hearts have been broken—how many old, gray-headed people have been brought down to sorrow to the grave, in the accumulation of this \$75,000 in the hands of this persecuted man? It will never be known. There will be no account cast of it at any bar in this world. But we can let our imaginations run along the line of misery, and we can have a fair idea of what it has cost to accumulate it.

I want to say to you, gentlemen, as judge of this court that I have never known a hoy to go wrong, to default and rob his employer, to be arraigned for it at this bar, that gambling was not the direct cause of his downfall. You may figure it up: the annuals of this court will bear me out, that every man who has defaulted and robbed his employer, let it be a bank or a trust company, a business house or a manufacturing concern, has been brought to that ruin by gambling. Therefore I say that the Commonwealth's Attorney exercised, in my opinion, a wise discretion when he permitted to these young men, who were but the henchmen and tools of this master airtip, to go free in order that the man who was behind the game should be exposed and brought to justice; and I endorse that policy, and I shall certainly adhere to it in the future. If there be a discrimination between gamblers it shall be in favor of the man who merely works for wages as against the man who hires him and who sets up the game; and if that be a crime let me hasten to plead guilty and glory in my infamy.

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TO INVESTIGATE BECKHAM'S CHARGE.

On motion of Mr. Robert C. Kinkead, who was severely criticized by Gov. J. C. W. Beckham for the part he had taken in the prosecution of gamblers in this city, Judge Barker appointed a committee of six to thoroughly investigate Mr. Kinkead's connection with the cases.

Mr. Kinkead requested that only Democratic attorneys be placed on this committee, so that the claim could not be made that it had any political bias. Judge Barker granted the request and appointed the following: Col. Thomas W. Brumitt, Judge Charles E. Seymour, Judge James S. Pirie, Mr. Francis P. Straus, Judge W. Overton Harris and Major R. C. Davis.

A stenographic report of Mr. Kinkead's motion is as follows:

Mr. Kinkead—I see by the statements in the public press that the Acting Governor of this State is investigating his reasons for granting the pardon to Ed Alvey.

By the Court—You mean the Governor.

Mr. Kinkead—Well, the Governor of this State has seen fit to make against me personally a most vicious, false and malicious attack which I desire to characterize as libelous in the extreme, injurious and unjustified.

I do not know this man personally, nor do I know that he knows me. I have lived in this community and practiced law for twenty-three years and there has never been at any time the least insinuation, direct or indirect, against my moral character, so far as I have known, or against my professional integrity. The utterances of this man, stripped of his official position, are entitled to no consideration at the hands of any gentleman, but when he, as the Governor of this State, sees fit to make an attack upon me as the Governor it becomes an entirely different matter. He has not had the manhood, nor does he possess the manhood, to use my name unequivocally in this connection, but he has sought to assail me in his utterances, and that assault that he makes upon me is understood by every one to refer to me in person. I feel very much embarrassed in having to make the motion that I now desire to make but do not intend to rest under the insinuation made by this creature against me as the Governor of this State, and as I have already stated, his utterances as a man would pass by me as the idle wind, which I respect not; but I will not for one instant stand here accused by him or any other man, high or low, of even an insinuation against my professional conduct or my conduct as a man and citizen in this community. I,

ALVEY'S FORMER PROMISES.

Now, it is intimated that this court has discriminated among these criminals to the disadvantage of Mr. Alvey. I hold in my hand a part of the records of this court. Three years ago Mr. Alvey and a number of other men were charged with setting up and carrying on a gambling game in this city, and this order was entered which I want to read to you: "The undersigned, who are defendants in the above styled actions, respectfully show to the court that they are not now, directly or indirectly, connected with any gambling institu-

tions, and that the gambling which caused the indictments herein has been entirely broken up and stopped, and these defendants hereby pledge themselves to this court that they are not in any wise connected with said offenses, and will not be in the future."

"ED ALVEY."

The Chief Justice of Samoa says Peruna Is the Very Best Catarrh Cure.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHAMBERS



Court Room Scene where Judge Chambers maintained the Supremacy of the United States in Samoa.

In a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., Chief Justice Chambers says the following of Peruna:

"I have tried one bottle of Peruna, and I can truthfully say it is one of the best tonics I ever used, and I take pleasure in recommending it to all sufferers who are in need of a good medicine. I can recommend it as one of the very best remedies for catarrh."

W. L. Chambers.

A tonic is a medicine that gives tone to some part of the system. There are different kinds of tonic, but the tonic most needed in this country, where catarrh is so prevalent, is a tonic that is used by a doctor to cure Peruna.

Peruna is a tonic to the mucous membranes of the whole body. It gives tone to the capillary circulation which constitutes these delicate membranes.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Representative,
ALVIN S. BENNETT.
For County Judge,
LOM ROGERS.
For County Court Clerk,
H. S. BAGLAND.
For County Attorney,
M. L. HEAVEN.
For Sheriff,
CAL P. KEOWN.
For School Superintendent,
JAMES DEWEY.
For Jailer,
THOMAS H. BLACK.
For Assessor,
FRANK LOWE.
For Surveyor,
JOHN H. WOOD.
For Coroner,
BEN L. DAVIS.

SENATOR WM. LINDSEY has gone to New York to practice law.

The Democratic ticket, nominated Monday, was selected because of its ability to raise a large corruption fund.

The inauguration of McKinley and Roosevelt Monday was attended with more pomp and military display than any former occasion of like importance. Washington was clothed like a bride.

We are sanguine that "A. G. Benton" is heart-sick of his display of ignorance and awkwardness before the public, though he might make some "signs," if he could speak.

The Democratic ticket is headed by a Populist and down further in the list it contains a very adventitious money man. We failed to learn whether any other nomination is represented or not. If not, it's a wonder.

Our contemporary, "Mr. A. G. Benton," says that in his opinion, young Beckham made a mistake in pardoning Ed Alvey, the Louisville gambler. This is certainly a surprise to the citizens of this country to know that this old hard-hearted sinner repented and is putting his stamp of disapproval on crimes so infinitely insignificant compared with the stealing of the governorship of a state, against which he never raised his angelic voice, but on the other hand, accepted and approved it all, in the column of his weekly, and instead of calling the maddened dog, said: "Sick um, tig!"

The treatment of Mr. Cass Rowan, a life-long Democrat true as steel, last Monday at the hands of the leaders of his party, was most shameful indeed. Mr. Rowan's Democracy is unquestioned, it does not have to be pleaded, but is accepted on the market of the political world as being worth one hundred cents to the dollar. He has labored in his party most a life time, believing, doubtless, that the principles of the Democratic party, properly administered, would be in the best interest of the American people. He is a gentleman of high standing, a man of influence, a farmer of means, a man loved by his neighbors, and universally respected, but when he trusts his fortunes in the balance with those of a political heretic, and the fate of those fortunes entrusted to the political trickster, they count for naught.

WHAT THEY ENDORSE. The second clause of the Ohio county Democratic platform reads more like a miracle than a historic declaration of a political organization, upon which that organization proposes to base its claims for the endorsement of the people in the coming contest. It reads thus:

"We endorse the wise conservation and adherence to the people's interests that have characterized the present State administration of Governor Beckham and those with whom he is associated with the administration of the State's affairs."

We desire to ask one question here, which any member of the Democratic party may answer or its organ at this place: What has Mr. Beckham done that was wise, conservative and adhered to the people's interest? It is a part of history that as soon as Beckham was in charge of State affairs he had \$100,000 appropriated to "hang Taylor and damn the Republican party," was this wise, conservative, or to the people's interest? I am also history that before he had quietly settled in the Governor's chair, he had another \$100,000 of the tax-payer's money appropriated for the purpose of raising and equipping a standing army. For what purpose? Was it in time of war? Was Kentucky going on a conquest? \$200,000, conserva-

tive—what degree? Wise, you say! Who in the world does wisdom lie to the people's interest—how and where? It is also recorded in Kentucky's history that Beckham called an extra session of the legislature, to amend the election law, which set for 56 days at an enormous expense to the State, with no other object than to amend or revise the laws governing elections. Every bill that bore the resemblance of fairness was struck down by Beckham's wing of that body. Fifty-six days were spent, when ten would have answered quite as well, had he wanted a fair election law. After all, the law passed was most as partisan as the Goebel law. Does this show conservatism, wisdom and to the people's interest? It was but yesterday, as I were, that Slusher, the bruiser, Alvey and Miles, the gamblers, were all pardoned in order that the two latter might turn their competition in gambling in the city of Louisville, as Beckham said in his endorsement.

Dear—dear readers, law-abiding, liberty-loving, God-fearing citizens, where is the wisdom, the conservatism, the people's interest, in such a course? All these things the Democratic platform endorses, and upon this declaration they go to the people for approval. The people of Ohio county have repudiated this office-seeking band of politicians more than once, and yet they come endorsing all the crimes they have previously committed and in addition the most humiliating and demoralizing practices of vice with which the human race is afflicted. The case is in your hands—what will thou do?

BECKHAM AND THE GAMBLERS

Last week we published the most remarkable document that was ever issued by an executive official. It purported to set forth reasons why a certain man—a king of gamblers—should not be deprived of his liberties as an American, by confinement in a State penitentiary for a period of two years. The court and the prosecuting attorney are made the objects of a most personal, heated and libelous assault, as officials, even charging the attorney with having been connected with "honest election" movement, which should command a man to any intelligent community, while an admitted criminal, a convicted destroyer of men, a convicted destroyer of men, is made the theme for his song of lamination and praise.

This week we publish the response of Judge Barker and the attorney, Mr. Kinkade, to Mr. Beckham's vicious attack, which we unhesitatingly commend to every Kentuckian. Judge Barker is a fearless Democrat, as he states to the grand jury, has been loyal and true to the principles of his party. He cites young Beckham to the fact that he fled in terror from Frankfort to Louisville with his wings of the legislature and stamp of disapproval on crimes so infinitely insignificant compared with the stealing of the governorship of a state, against which he never raised his angelic voice, but on the other hand, accepted and approved it all, in the column of his weekly, and instead of calling the maddened dog, said: "Sick um, tig!"

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A CARD. To the VOTERS of this COUNTY—I have heretofore, in response to certain friends of mine, made what I conceive to be a clear and explicit statement of my political position. Let there be no further apprehension, however, in the mind of any man on this subject. I have adopted the platform of the Democratic National Convention in 1864, and the confirmation of this platform by the Democratic party in Kentucky. I HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS SINCE NOW A DEMOCRAT. As I understand, the things necessary to constitute party affiliation in this country are first, allegiance to party platform, and second support of party nominees.

I had supposed that my political position as here defined, was clearly understood by my friends in this country, and I trust there can be no longer any room for misconception on this subject.

I nominated for County Judge by the Democratic convention which meets in Hartford next Monday, I expect to be nominated as a Democrat, and shall accept the nomination as a Democrat. I shall submit to the action of that convention and cheerfully support its nominees, whenever they may be, on the Democratic platform which that convention will adopt.

Very respectfully,

J. P. MILLER.

Judge Miller was at one time a most ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and a candidate for office before that party. He should not be permitted to exist in this business, and expressed himself indignantly when one of these executive favorites is barred from business by the verdict of twelve honest jurors. Twelve honest jurors—yes, indeed!

We recall that in his speech at Hartford last fall, Mr. Beckham vowed that he would not pardon any man convicted by a jury of twelve honest jurors. Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel!

It is understood that the hirelings of this man Alvey who were indicted, were promised immunity if they would turn State's evidence and tell all they knew about the case. This, it is true, is perfectly legitimate and honorable, as every lawyer of standing knows, but Mr. Beckham takes issue on this point, when he tries—the gamblers—are on trial, speaking on this point he says:

"This is the most bare-faced and infamous case of judicial and political persecution that ever came before my notice. If a bold and shameless conspiracy like man Alvey has been selected as the helpless victim."

If our memory serves us correctly, promises upon promise and money "to boot" was offered those indicted for

the assassination of Senator Goebel, if they would turn State's evidence and "hang Taylor and damn the Republican party," to quote one of the attorneys for the Commonwealth. Was this a corrupt bargain in the one case, and an act inspired from on high in the other? This hit of history is yet firmly riveted in the minds of the people. In ascertaining his reasons for granting this pardon, Beckham begins as follows:

"And why is it that indictments against others have been dismissed under a corrupt bargain that they have immunity if they would give evidence against this man and the other?"

And concludes as follows:

"I therefore grant this pardon to Alvey upon the assurance from the law that he will not again violate the law."

Gentle reader, will you carefully note the first clause and compare it with the latter? In the first, Beckham declares that Alvey has been made the object of a bare-faced and corrupt bargain to persecute this man Alvey. In the latter, he admits the Alvey is a criminal. Now, who ever heard of a guilty man being persecuted, but Beckham?

'96-'97-'98-'99-'00-'01?

The assertion that politics makes queer bedfellows, is unquestionably true. At times in the career of an office-seeking politician, it appears that it is necessary for him to be a poly-sided sort of a fellow, congenial, elastic and pliable. A card was circulated in Hartford last Monday, which, to thinking men was very amusing and clearly demonstrated the fact that some men must be tried, before it is possible to conjecture what they will do in the event of political emergency. The recent Democratic convention made it necessary for Judge Jas. P. Miller to come square out and declare himself a Democrat, which previously he had denied, before he could get the nomination for County Judge on that ticket. About two weeks ago Judge Miller published an article in "A. G. Benton's" journal, setting forth his position politically, which was not at all satisfactory with many Democrats, because of its peculiar wording. Hence, the "clique" that was steering his cause, concluded that it was more important that he should make his Democratic affiliations more acceptable to the party by emphasizing the fact and swearing his allegiance to and resting his fortunes with the destiny of that organization. Ever ready to meet a political necessity, as he has been heretofore, he rose to meet this occasion and invoked the powers that be to aid him in vowing his allegiance to the Democratic party. In answer to his earnest petition, the merciful fates permitted this card to be written on his political diary:

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Fair & Co. The Fair Dealers.

Have received their entire line of Spring Laces and Embroideries. Never before was a line in Hartford that could compare with them in beauty and cheapness. Having bought direct from a big New York Lace House, we are better prepared than ever before to give our customers good values. This line includes the dainty patterns in Valentines, with insertions to match. Prices ranging from 1 to 20c per yard.

Fifty pieces Nainsook Embroidery from 1 inch to 8 inches wide, with insertion to match, running from 5c to 35c per yard. Twenty-five pieces extra nice quality Swiss Embroidery, with insertion to match, from 1 inch to 5 inches wide, ranging in price from 5c to 30c. Also a nice line of Linen Laces, from 5c to 20c.

Our stocks of India Linens, Nainsooks, Dimities, Mar-sailes, Percals, &c., are all in, ready for your inspection. A pretty line cannot be found. Do your Spring trading early before the weather gets warm.

We have complete lines of all the staple brands of Bleached Cottons, such as Hope, Masquerville, Fruit of Loom, Long Cloth, Lonsdale, Etc., at prices that are sure to interest you.

A Dress Goods Bargain.

A few days ago we picked up six pieces of what we call genuine bargains in all-wool Dress Goods. The width is 50 inches. The quality is all-wool. The wholesale price was \$1.00 per yard. We bought them at a special price and are selling them at 50c per yard. Remember it takes only three yards of this goods to make you a skirt.

The New Goods and Cheap Goods are Found only at Hartford's Bargain House:

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Hartford Republican.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Illinoian Central Railroad—Time Table.

New time card, taking effect Sunday Dec. 2, 1900, at noon.

North Bound.

No. 121 dep 11:05 a.m. No. 102 dep 2:30 p.m. No. 120 dep 3:15 p.m. No. 121 dep 4:15 p.m.

Local Freight.

No. 124 dep 7:30 a.m. No. 125 dep 2:30 p.m. H. H. Vanmeter, Agent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR MAGISTRATE

We are authorized to announce

Mrs. Taylor.

As a candidate nominated in the Cromwell Magisterial District, subject to the action of the Republican party.

We are authorized to announce

Gen. W. Martin

candidate for magistrate in the Cromwell Magisterial District, subject to the action of the Republican party.

Judge L. P. Little, Owensboro, is in town.

A new lot of Iron Bedsteads at Carson & Co.'s.

Mr. W. W. Tichenor, Point Pleasant, is quite sick.

A sewing machine for \$5 at the Singer Office.

New Shoes for men and ladies at Carson & Co.'s.

If it is flour you want, go to John R. Phipps and get it.

If you want hardware, the place to find it is at John R. Phipps'.

Hon. John J. McHenry, Louisville, was in town first of the week.

Mrs. Chas. H. Strange has recovered from an attack of measles.

FOR SALE.—A acre farm 3 miles below Hartford. Apply at this office.

Do you know that Gross William will sell you a Sewing Machine from \$5.00 up.

Cotton 4cts; Woolen Hose 10cts; Underwear \$1.50 per suit at Carson & Co.'s.

All persons having claims against R. W. Blankenship's estate will file same with me at Beaver Dam, Ky., on or before May 1, 1901, and have them properly proven.

3318 W. B. CHINN, Adm'r.

RIGHT UP TO DATE, (Benson's Plaster is Pain's Master.)

These are days of records and of the best of records. Benson's Plaster, for quickness of action and thoroughness of cure, has no equal. It cures its own.

Benson's Plaster, always the best, always the leader, is to-day better than ever. It sticks to the skin but never sticks in its tracks. It marches on.

It can pull out hair, but it can't pull out hair, and Benson's Plaster does it. Congeals, colds, lumbago, asthma, bronchitis, liver and kidney complaints, and other ills approachable by external remedy, yield to Benson's Plaster to heat.

Baldness, yellowish skin, piles, or Caputum plasters are to be compared with Benson's. People who have once tested the merits of Benson's Plaster have no use for any other external remedy.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Democracy's Champion for the Political Guillotine are Named

--Democrats, Populist and Gold Man.

As last Monday was the first of the month, Circuit Court and Democratic Mass Convention, quite a crowd of visitors were in town. Soon after 1 o'clock the convention was called to order in the court house yard where a large crowd of Democrats and Republicans had gathered, and after a little preliminary work, Mr. John B. Willis was made chairman; a committee which had previously been prepared, and in its absence, J. E. Rowe was called for, responding in his usual way. After the committee had agreed that the platform would do to make this campaign on, Mr. H. P. Taylor, in his usual good humor manner, mounted the rostrum and read as follows:

The Democrats of Ohio county in mass convention assembled, do now renew their allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party as set forth in the last national platform of their party, and they do now reaffirm the declarations embodied in their party's platform adopted at Chicago last year, and with undiminished confidence in these principles as the basis of organization, it is by this convention resolved.

First.—We approve the action of the County Committee in the call of this convention, and to the nominees of this convention each of us does pledge our earnest and hearty support.

Second.—We endorse the wise conservatism that have characterized the present State administration of Governor Beckham and those with him who are charged with the administration of the State's affairs.

Third.—We especially desire to call the attention of the people of the county to the county's affairs under Democratic county officials for the past three years. When this Democratic administration came into office, they found the county more than \$30,000 in debt, and a large part of this debt was bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. This debt has been paid by the action of the Democratic officers, reduced by more than \$10,000 and refunded into the form of obligations, payable at the option of the county, and bearing only 4 per cent. interest, thus saving to the taxpayers the large yearly interest charge as well as securing to them the limitations and certainty of the amount of their debt as set forth in the obligations. Taxes have been reduced and extravagance has given place to economy in every department of the county's government.

Fourth.—We pledge to the people of this county a confluence of the careful, economical and business like administration of the county's business, if it shall be entrusted to Democratic officials, and when all the offices of the county are in Democratic hands, that the same careful attention to the needs of the people will be given to those now held by Democrats.

Fifth.—That we favor the calling of a State Convention to meet between the November election and the meeting of the General Assembly to nominate a candidate for the United States Senate. Such nomination to be binding on the members of the General Assembly and upon this convention.

Sixth.—Order of business—Nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes; Nominations shall be made in the following order: County Judge, County Court Clerk, Sheriff, County Attorney, Superintendent of Schools, Representative, Jailer, Assessor, Surveyor and Coroner.

His reading was frequently punctuated with applause, but when he came to the clause endorsing Beckham's administration, that \$100,000 of blood money, and that \$100,000 for the standing army to guard office criminals and the pardoning of Ed Avey, the notorious Louisville gambler, Slusher, Miles, a deathlike silence and a look of disapproval reigned throughout the crowd. Not one word of manifestation of approval could be heard anywhere. However, when the "bosses" called for the adoption of the loosely construed declaration, an affirmative vote was given and it became part of Democratic history, which THE REPUBLICAN will "air" at the opportune time.

When the chair announced that he would entertain motions for candidates it became a visible fact that the "clique" had its men listed and they were run through on short notice, until it came to Jaller, when they made a pretense at giving others a show.

The ticket selected for the political guillotine, which drops November 5, is here given.

For County Judge—J. P. Miller.

For County Court Clerk—T. J. Smith.

For Sheriff—Thos. E. Butler.

For County Attorney—R. E. Lee Simmerman.

For School Superintendent—I. W. Godsey.

For Representative—J. C. Cox.

For Jailer—Frank Wade.

For Assessor—Jas. C. Beusett.

For Surveyor—Jas. L. Brown.

For Coroner—Edward L. Bowell.

For State Senator—John G. W. Barnard.

For State Auditor—Gen. W. Martin.

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